

**REMARKS**

This amendment is a response to the Office Action mailed on May 22, 2006.

In that action, the examiner objected to claim 31 and rejected claim 31 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a). The applicant has cancelled claim 31. All other claims have been allowed.

In view of the foregoing, the applicants respectfully request that the examiner place the case in condition for issue at her earliest convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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